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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING
COMPOSITION CONTAINING POLYMER
FROM LIQUID CONTAINING POLYMER
COMPONENT AND DRYING APPARATUS
FOR SAME

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of the U.S. patents. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

Foreign Document 1 is a copy of Japanese Application 11-292978. An English language abstract was submitted with a Information Disclosure Statement filed February 23, 2007. Foreign Documents 1-3 were cited in an Office Action issued in JP 2004-116665, a counterpart

application. Relevance of Foreign Document 2 is in its attached English language abstract. US Patent 1 is an English language counterpart to Foreign Document 3.

Foreign Documents 4-6 were cited in an office action issued in Japanese Application 2004-356690, a counterpart application. US Patent 2 is an English language counterpart to Foreign Document 4, US Patent 3 is an English language counterpart to Foreign Document 6. Relevance of Foreign Document 5 can be found in its English language abstract.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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